

Claims

18. (Amended) A tissue implant device as defined in claim 7 wherein the flexible body comprises a helical spring and the tail is formed by a coil wrapped more broadly than the diameter of the coils that comprise the body of the spring, positioned adjacent to the proximal portion of the body and forming an arm that extends laterally from the longitudinal axis of the device.

19. (Amended) A tissue implant device as defined in claim 18 wherein the flexible body comprises a helical spring and the tail is deformed to be out of plane with the helical orientation of coils comprising the body of the spring.

[illegible]